



## A NEW SONG ON THE HIREING FAIRS OF ULSTER

Good people all attention pay  
Unto those lines that I relate  
Concerning Ulster hiring fairs  
Where people are so jovial  
The servants all are out of place  
About the merry month of May  
They all approach the hiring fairs  
To seek for better wages

### CHORUS.—

The boys and girls dress so neat  
With heart and courage light and gay  
And well inclin'd to work sincere  
In every situation

The plough boy with a steady hand  
He will engage to plough the land

The dairy maid is well prepared  
To mind her milk and dairy

The cowboy with a staff or a nre  
Will mind his cows in brook or bray

The shoe boy too is wanted there  
To polish boots for ladies

The labouring boy he will engage  
To till the soil and sow the grain

Great natures cause for to maintain  
In every rank and station

The King or Queen he Lord and Mayor  
The jolly crew that ploughs the main

The gentle folk the clown and rake  
Are supported by his labour

The kitchen maid can work or play  
At certain times when not engage'd

Some times she puts the hens to lay  
And more times rock the cradle

Some times she puts the geese to hatch,  
And other times she is cleaving flax

She'll dress the beds both soft and flat  
And sleep til day is breaking

The farmer like a noble Squire

Will come those servants for to hire  
and ask them what they do require

With board and entertainment

Th' I feed you well with bread and tea

If you comply to work sincere

Your dinner will have no delay

Of butter spoons and bacon

The servants wages now should rise  
As beef and butter got so high]

There's ten eggs sold at pence a peice

Turkey eggs three half pence

The paper states the London price

Of wheat and oats and bacon dry

And Gladstone's seeking tennant right

Its now in contemplation